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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Examiner's attention is directed to the following
patents, copies enclosed:

U.S. Des.236,422 to Gavle discloses an ornamental
design for a knife.

U.S. Des.267,622 to Russell discloses an
ornamental design for a knife.

U.S. Des.275,360 to Child discloses an ornamental
design for a hand knife with a blade guard.

U.S. Des.335,196 to Lamb et al discloses an
ornamental design for a finger guard.

U.S. Des.351,257 to Roberts et al discloses an
ornamental design for a finger shield for use while cutting
and dicing food.

U.S. Des.385,666 to Abreu discloses an ornamental design for a protective one finger glove.

U.S. Des.391,029 to Katz et al discloses an ornamental design for a combined hand and finger shield.

U.S. Des.414,300 to Silvey discloses an ornamental design for a culinary finger dicing guard.

U.S. Des.415,321 to Silvey discloses an ornamental design for an expandable culinary finger dicing guard.

U.S. Des.418,258 to Moro discloses an ornamental design of a culinary finger guard.

U.S. Patent 1,761,356 to McNamara discloses an improved finger tip protector.

U.S. Patent 1,184,710 to Baumann discloses finger guards adapted to be employed in cutting or slicing elongated articles.

U.S. Patent 2,149,922 to Lemire discloses a book page protector.

U.S. Patent 2,163,012 to Schenk discloses a toe pad.

U.S. Patent 2,259,388 to Mell discloses a finger or thumb guard.

U.S. Patent 2,501,571 to Liedtke discloses tooth tipped gloves.

U.S. Patent 4,089,066 to Dethman discloses a fingernail protector.

U.S. Patent 4,704,742 to Foster discloses a writing shield.

U.S. Patent 5,048,186 to Lamb et al discloses a guard for protecting a finger.

U.S. Patent 5,711,027 to Katz et al discloses a hand and finger shield.

French Patent 2 801 090.

Copies of the above patents are enclosed. They are believed not to teach, suggest or otherwise render obvious the invention as disclosed or claimed herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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